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FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

DAVID HESS



Mr. David Hess is Deputy Director for the Policy, Communications, and Engagement Directorate within the Federal Protective Service (FPS). In this role, Mr. Hess works closely with the FPS Director, FPS Principal Deputy Director, FPS Chief of Staff, and with FPS program and support offices to further develop, implement, and oversee FPS' policy, intergovernmental programs and communications activities, including outreach and engagement with Congress. In this role, Mr. Hess serves as a primary liaison to external stakeholders as well Federal partners both within the Department of Homeland Security and across the Federal Government to advance the FPS mission.

Prior to his current role, Mr. Hess served as the Chief of Staff of the National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD) from November 2012 through April 2018. In this role, he worked closely with the NPPD's Under Secretary and Deputy Under Secretaries to help manage the day-to-day operations of the Directorate to achieve its mission to protect and enhance the resilience of the nation's physical and cyber infrastructure. During the 2017 Presidential transition, Mr. Hess was asked to serve as NPPD's Senior Official Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary; he held this position from January 2017 to July 2017. Additionally, from January 2014 through September 2014, Mr. Hess served as NPPD's Acting Deputy Under Secretary.

Before joining the NPPD front office, Mr. Hess served as the Director of Legislative Affairs for NPPD. Prior to that, he served as the Director of Legislative Affairs for the DHS' Preparedness Directorate. In these roles, Mr. Hess was the principal congressional advisor to the Under Secretary and leadership of NPPD and the Preparedness Directorate, respectively. Mr. Hess also served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs (House) to help the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs manage DHS' Office of Legislative Affairs. As Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Mr. Hess had primary oversight of the responsibility for the Department's interaction with the U.S. House of Representatives.

Prior to joining DHS, Mr. Hess was a public affairs specialist in the Office of Congressional and Public Affairs, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), United States Department of Justice (DOJ). He served as a congressional, media, and public liaison for offices in OJP and DOJ. While at DOJ/OJP/OCPA, Mr. Hess supported the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), which was established within DOJ to develop and implement a National program to prepare for and respond to the incidents of terrorism involving weapons of mass destruction. In 2003, ODP was transferred to DHS and given the primary responsibility within the Executive branch to build and sustain the preparedness of the United States to reduce vulnerabilities; and to prevent, respond to, and recover from terrorist acts of all types. Mr. Hess also supported the critical work of OJP's National Institute of Justice and OJP's Office of the Assistant Attorney General.



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Mr. Hess holds a Masters of Public and International Affairs with a National Security specialization from the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. He also holds a Bachelor of Arts from Franklin & Marshall College where he played on the varsity baseball team.

Mr. Hess is a recipient of several management and leadership awards, including the DHS Secretary's Award for Excellence and the Under Secretary's Award for Teamwork. He received a Commendation for his work on the National Cyber Security Study Group, and received the DOJ's Assistant Attorney General's Award. He is married and has two children.